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1848-1875

200-240 E. Montgomery St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The majority of the three story high, two and three bay wide brick houses along this side of Montgomery St. were built by Samuel Bratt between 1853 and 1871 for the rising number of middle class residents in the area. The group of houses extending from 206-218 E. Montgomery St. were originally all built with gable roofs but a number have had their rooflines remodeled to resemble shed roofs with simple bracketed cornices. The group of houses built by Bratt between 220 and 240 E. Montgomery St. were built after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and simple modillion cornice at 200 E. Montgomery St. was built in 1848 (with a gable roof) by John Watchman, partner of Bratt in the firm of Watchman and Bratt, steam engine manufacturers, whose business was located to the rear of these properties along Hughes St. At 202-204 E. Montgomery St. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built in the 1870's

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

206 - 208 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of brick, three story houses with gable roof, was the first three story structure to be built along this side of Montgomery St. Originally, it formed part of a group of such structures, before some were remodeled with shed roofs.

The houses are three stories in height, 16' wide, and occupy lots that are 75' deep. Each house has a three story high, two bay deep rear addition. (Because the ground slopes sharply to the rear this three story addition corresponds to the basement and first and second floor levels of the main structure.) 206 E. Montgomery St. has an additional one story high, four bay deep modern shed extension, running to the rear of the lot. The houses are constructed in running bond. A simple, two-tier brick cornice runs continuously across the facade. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located at the peak of the gable roof on the outside end wall of the house. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the kitchen addition.

The door and window openings of 206 E. Montgomery St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanum. The sills on the first floor are stone; those of the second and third floor are composed of a row of brick headers. The window openings are filled with 1/1 sash. There is a modern, elaborate broken pedimented doorway, the pediment supported by fluted pilasters. A modern panel door, with nine lights within the door itself is set behind a leaded glass door. There is no transom area.

The original segmentally arched lintels of 208 E. Montgomery St. have been replaced by late, vertical-stretcher lintels. The sills are composed of a row of headers. All of the window openings are filled with new 6/6 sash. An old six panel door is surmounted by a five light transom, bordered by a row of dentill carving.

The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached flights of four brick steps. Each house has a square-shaped coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1852-1853

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Bratt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is interesting as being an example of the type of three story gable roofed structure built in the 1840's and 1850's to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the Federal Hill area--men who owned small businesses in the area wr who had prospered at the local ship-building and glass-making trades. Houses such as this were almost always sold outright to the families who would live in them, for prices in the \$1000 to \$1300 range, as was the case with these houses. In addition to the full three story height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of two story plus attic house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with higher ceilings; the more spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall which communicates both with the main body of the house, with the dining area and kitchen located to the rear, and with the alley running between the two houses by way of an outside door. Houses of this type are usually located on fairly deep lots and have pleasant back garden areas.

Samuel Bratt, formerly of the firm of Watchman and Bratt who operated a steam engine-manufactory at the corner of William and Hughes Sts., developed the entire north side of this block of Montgomery St., building the houses ranging from 206 to 240 Montgomery St. between 1852 and 1871.

These houses are of particular interest because they were among the first in the Federal Hill area to be renovated and restored, and now have become quite valuable real estate.

An early owner of 206 Montgomery St. was John W. Laughton, a shipmaster.¹ An early owner of 208 Montgomery St. was William Bowman, a glass blower.²

Baltimore City Directory, 1855-56

²Ibid., 1865

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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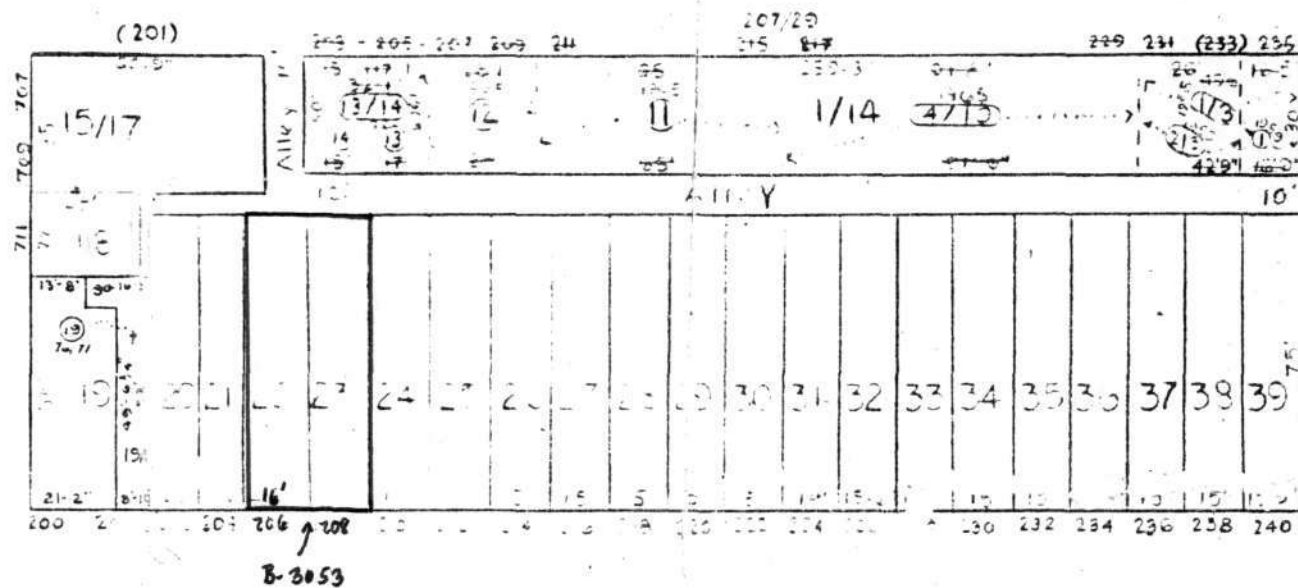
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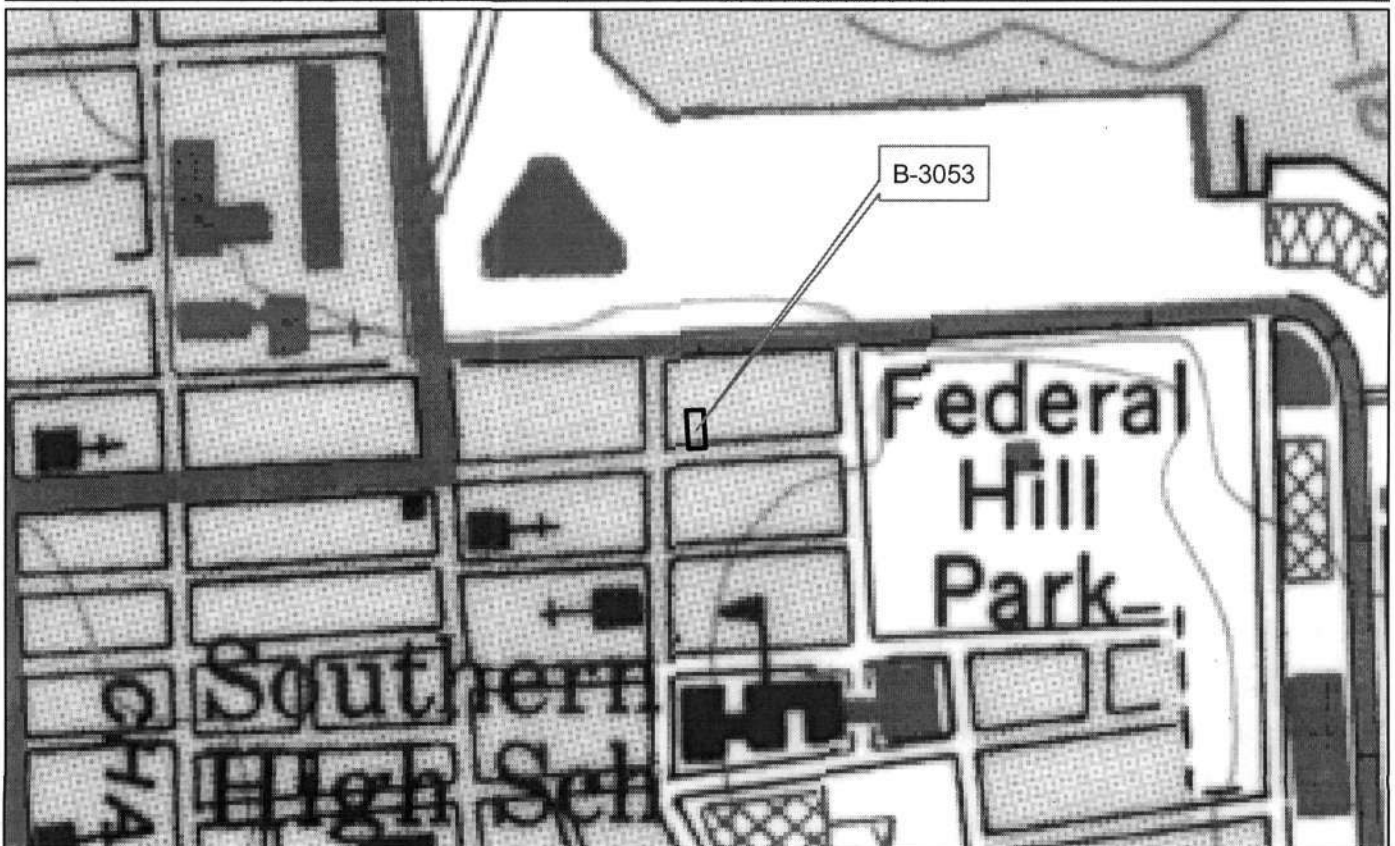
E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

BATTERY AVE.



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206-208 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0900 Lot 022-023
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3053 206-208 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation